Introduction to Alabama Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2017

Alabama slot machine casino gambling does not include traditional slot machine gambling or table games, although it does allow for bingo in some locations. In perhaps a legal workaround, casinos within this state have instead provided electronic bingo machines.

These rapid pace machines with whirling displays and chimes resemble slot machines. Casino owners argue these machines are allowed by state laws.

In 2016, the Alabama Supreme Court twice ruled that electronic bingo is illegal in the state. The most recent Supreme Court decisions were made in December of 2016. In part, they reversed a lower court judgment side with a casino.

This post continues the weekly blog series "<u>Slot Machine Casino Gambling, State-By-State</u>", a year-long online resource project dedicated to guiding slot machine gambling enthusiasts to success.



Alabama slot machine casino gambling: Battleship Alabama in Mobile, AL

Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling*

The minimum gambling age is 21. All casinos are open 24 hours.

Alabama's gambling laws are found in <u>Sections of the Alabama Commercial Law & Consumer</u> Protection Code.

The lengthy Section 13A-12-20: Definitions may be interesting to some people. To me, Paragraph

10: Slot Machine was particularly fascinating:

"A gambling device that, as a result of the insertion of a coin or other object, operates, either completely automatically or with the aid of some physical act by the player, in such a manner that, depending upon elements of chance, it may eject something of value. A device so constructed or readily adaptable or convertible to such use is not less a slot machine because it is not in working order or because some mechanical act of manipulation or repair is required to accomplish its adaptation, conversion, or workability. Nor is it any less a slot machine because apart from its use or adaptability as such it may also sell or delivery something of value on a basis other than chance."

*The purpose of this section is to inform the public of state gambling laws and how the laws apply to various forms of gambling. This information is not intended to provide legal advice.

Slot Machine Private Ownership

Private ownership of a slot machine in Alabama is illegal. However, it is legal to privately own a machine that is considered Class II gaming, i.e., a bingo machine.



Alabama slot machine casino gambling: Mobile, AL

State Gaming Commission

In October 2016, Governor Robert Bentley created a new commission to study gambling and make recommendations to the Alabama legislature. This 7-member commission is called the Alabama Advisory Council on Gaming.

In January 2017, the Montgomery Advertiser reported a delay on the Alabama gambling report being produced by the Alabama Advisory Council on Gaming.

Gambling Establishments

There are three American Indian tribal casinos and one racino in this state, specifically:

- Wind Creek Casino & Hotel Atmore
 - O City: Atmore
 - O County: Escambia
 - Type: tribal
- Wind Creek Casino & Hotel Wetumpka
 - O City: Wetumpka
 - o County: Elmore
 - Type: tribal
- Wind Creek Casino & Hotel Montgomery
 - O City: Montgomery
 - O County: Montgomery
 - Type: tribal
- Victoryland Greyhound Park
 - O City: Shorter
 - O County: Macon
 - O Type: Racino



Alabama slot machine casino gambling: Bellingrath Gardens and Home

Summary of Alabama Slot Machine Casino Gambling

For those of us that are interested in slot machine gambling, there really isn't any such thing as Alabama slot machine casino gambling. With the Alabama Supreme Court ruling mechanical bingo machines violate existing state laws, even this perhaps worthy substitute is more or less problematic.

My research of the state of gambling in Alabama has given me that sense a great debate is underway in this state. Will slot machine gambling be legalized? Will bingo machines forcibly removed by state authorizes?

Whether slot machine gambling, not to mention table games, will fall or rise in the great state of Alabama is, at this time, in flux. We'll need to check in on how Alabama is doing in another year. In the meantime, the debate rages on.

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- Next: Alaska Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2017 Alaska slot machine casino gambling does not exist, but has 10 community bingo halls across 9 cities with a grand total of 92 slots and gaming machines. The difficulty facing tribes is 1) The land they are constructed on must be trust or restricted land and 2) the State has not yet approving casino-style gaming.